

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 41 are presented for examination.

Claims 40 and 41 are added to illustrate the generic nature of Claim 1. Claim 41 reads on embodiment 1, and Claim 40 reads on embodiment 2, both claims 40 and 41 being dependent on original Claim 1.

The Examiner has required an election between embodiment 1 (consisting of FIGS. 1-5) and embodiment 2 (consisting of FIG. 6). Applicant elects for prosecution embodiment 1.

Claims 1-37 and 41 read on embodiment 1, while Claims 38-39 and 40 read on embodiment 2. Claims 1-37 are generic to both embodiments.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, a prompt and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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